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FIVE UNCOLLECTED CONTEMPORARY REVIEWS OF
WALDEN by Gary Scharnhorst

Five favorable reviews apparently new to Thoreau scholarship may be added to the record of the contemporary reception of Walden. The first appeared in the Boston Daily Evening Traveller for 9 August 1854, the official date of publication, as follows: (1)

Walden; or, Life in the Woods. By Henry D. Thoreau, Author of "A Week on the Concord and Merrimack Rivers." Ticknor & Co: 12mo, 357 pages. This is a sort of autobiography of a hermit, who lived two years alone in the woods of Concord, Mass., a mile from any neighbor. Mr. Thoreau's object in thus turning hermit, appears to have been--so far as he had any particular end in view--to ascertain by experiment, what are the absolute necessities of man, to illustrate in his

own person the truth of Watts's line:

"Man wants but little here below."

And his return to civilized life again, confirmed that companion line of Watts-- "Nor wants that little long;" though it must be confessed Mr. Thoreau held out on little or nothing, longer than most men could have done. It is a curious and amusing book, written in the Emersonian style, but containing many shrewd and sensible suggestions, with a fair share of nonsense.

A second uncollected review appeared in the Portland Transcript, a literary weekly published in Maine, for 19 August 1854, as follows: (2)

WALDEN; Or Life in the Woods. By Henry D. Thoreau. Boston: Ticknor & Fields.

Mr. Thoreau spent two years of his life alone in the woods, a mile from any neighbor, in a house which he built himself, on the shores of Walden Pond in



George Kovar

The Thoreau Pines at Walden in the 1930s
by George Kovar

Concord, Mass. In a lecture which he delivered before our Lyceum, he gave some of the experiences of this episode in his life--and this book is that lecture revised and extended.(3) It is the same quaint production of a crooked genius--only, a good deal more so. Beneath all its seemingly paradoxical philosophy, however, there is a stream of true thought, in which some of the illusions of civilization are clearly shown. We only wish some of our good dames who make themselves such complete slaves to their furniture and their "best rooms," would read Mr. Thoreau's chapter on household economy. We think they might gather a few ideas there that would be of great advantage to them. This book contains many pleasant thoughts, quaintly expressed, some sound philosophy, and numerous passages of poetic power. It is thoroughly redolent of the woods, and brings all their pleasant sights and sounds graphically before the reader's senses. Walden Pond and its surroundings will be known of all men, from this time forth. The book is the most readable and original volume we have seen in a long time. For sale by J.S.Bailey.

A week later, in the 26 August 1854 issue, the editors reprinted Thoreau's famous description of "the battle of the ants," a thousand-word excerpt from the "Brute Neighbors" chapter of Walden.(4) In the 16 September issue, moreover, they excerpted a brief, 140-word passage from the chapter "Where I Lived and What I Lived For" in which Thoreau "hits off the popular eagerness for news."(5)

A third uncollected review appeared in the Boston Watchman and Reflector, a weekly paper of the American Baptist church, for 5 October 1854, as follows:(6)

WALDEN; OR LIFE IN THE WOODS. By Henry D. Thoreau. Author of "A Week on the Concord and Merrimack Rivers." Boston: Ticknor, Reed & Fields. "A Life in the Woods," within twenty miles of Boston may strike the reader as hardly affording enough of material in the shape of incident and adventure, for a fair sized volume like the present. But he must read and learn his mistake, for this beyond dispute is one of the most original, eccentric and suggestive books which the season has brought out. The writer, in relating his own experience, which he does with naivete, shows much power of reflection, and a philosophic knowledge of men and things.

Ten months later, in the 9 August 1855 issue of this paper, the editors also reprinted "the battle of the ants" from "Brute Neighbors" with the admonition that it "has a moral to it worthy of attention."(7)

A fourth review appeared in the form of a letter to the editor of the Boston Transcript. Though a pre-publication notice of Walden was printed in that newspaper for 21 July 1854,(8) no formal review of the work had appeared in its literary columns two months after its publication. An anonymous correspondent corrected this oversight with a letter in the 19 October 1854 issue of the paper, as follows:(9)

WALDEN; OR, LIFE IN THE WOODS. By Henry D. Thoreau, author of "A Week on the Concord and Merrimack Rivers."

To the Editor of the Transcript: The volume with the above title, recently issued by Messrs. Ticknor & Fields, is a very remarkable book; one which appeals to the loftiest instincts of men, and which, we are sure, is already making a deep impression upon some souls. Few books have sprung from a genius so clear of extraneous influences, whether from Church, State, Society or Literature. Here is one person, at least, who is not swallowed up by the whirlpool of civilization, who though feeling no respect for any special form of religion, so that he would be scouted [sic] at by many as an infidel, yet has such a sense of the greatness of our nature, such an appreciation of intellectual and spiritual satisfactions, that it is no sacrifice, but rather a pleasure for him to resign many of the so-called advantages of society, as being obstacles in the way of his true life.

There can be no question that even in the best class of society, however it may be with here and there an individual, intellectual culture does not hold the first place, but is made secondary to worldly ends; to the attainment of wealth, social position, and honors. Even most of our poets and priests, whatever they may say professionally or in their better moments, yet, in the general tenor of their lives, accept the popular standard. The peculiarity of Mr. Thoreau's position is, as indicated both by this book and the other which he has published, "A Week on the Concord and Merrimack Rivers," that he finds another kind of wealth so attractive that he cannot devote his life to the ends which society has in view. However we may speculate about spirit and intellect, it is obvious that our civilization is too exclusively material. In these books we are made acquainted with a life which rests soberly and substantially upon a spiritual basis.

The influence which Mr. Thoreau exerts will not at once spread over a large surface, but it will reach far out into the tide of time, and it will make up in depth for what it wants in extent. He appeals, with all the truly wise, to elements in our nature, which lie far deeper than the sources of a noisy popularity. There are doubtless already many thoughtful persons here and there, to whom his words are exceedingly precious. This, of course, is the truest outward success, and however convenient, though dangerous, a more abundant pecuniary return for his work might be, none can know better than this writer, that the capacity for entertaining and uttering such thoughts as he gives us is its own and the only adequate reward.

A fifth uncollected review appeared in the Boston Yankee Blade, a weekly paper edited by William Mathews, for 28 October

1854, as follows:(10)

WALDEN; or Life in the Woods. By Henry D. Thoreau. Boston: Ticknor & Fields.-- This is a charming volume by a writer who reminds us of Emerson by his philosophy-- of the Elizabethan writers by his quaintness and originality--and by his minuteness and acuteness of observation, of Gilbert White, the author of the Natural History of Selborne. Mr. Thoreau lived alone in the woods for two years, a mile from any neighbor, in a house which he had built himself in Concord, Mass., on the shore of Walden Pond. In the present volume he relates in a lively and sparkling, yet pithy style, his experiences during that period--describing the various natural phenomena, the sights and sounds, as well as the different phases of humanity, that fell under his observation, and favoring us with exact statistics of the cost of supporting his hermit life. It is rarely that one finds so much originality and freshness in a modern book--such an entire absence of conventionality and cant--or so much suggestive observation on the philosophy of life. Almost every page abounds in brilliant and piquant things, which, in spite of the intellectual pride of the author--the intense and occasionally unpleasant egotism with which every line is steeped--lure the reader on with bewitched attention from title-page to finis. Mr. Thoreau has an odd twist in his brains, but, as Hazlitt says of Sir Thomas Browne, they are "all the better for the twist." The best parts of the book, to our mind, are those which treat of Sounds, Solitude, Brute Neighbors, Winter Animals, The Pond in Winter, and Reading; the poorest, the Conclusion, in which he tries to Emersonize, and often ["attains"] triumphantly to the obscurity which he seems to court.

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- 1 Boston Daily Evening Traveller, 9 August 1854, p.1, col.4.
- 2 Portland Transcript, 19 August 1854, p. 151, col.2.
- 3 Thoreau had addressed the Portland Lyceum on 21 March 1849 on the topic of his experiences at Walden Pond (Walter Harding, The Days of Henry Thoreau [New York: Knopf, 1965], pp. 238-39.
- 4 "The Battle of the Ants," Portland Transcript, 26 August 1854, p. 157, col. 1-2.
- 5 "News," Portland Transcript, 16 September 1854, p. 179, col.1.
- 6 Watchman and Reflector, 5 October 1854, p. 158, col. 6.
- 7 "The Battle of the Ants," Watchman and Reflector, 9 August 1855, p.125, col.7.
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- 10 Yankee Blade, 28 October 1854, p.3,col.3.

THE 1982 ANNUAL MEETING . . .

The annual meeting of the Thoreau Society was held on Saturday, 10 July 1982 in the First Parish Church in Concord, Mass. A coffee hour was held from 9 to 10:15 under the direction of Mrs. Robert Needham. It was followed by the business meeting conducted by the president, John McAleer. The minutes of the 1981 meeting as printed in the Summer, 1981, bulletin were approved. The following treasurer's report was read and accepted:

On hand, May 18, 1981	\$3856.92
Income	
Dues	3097.00
Life memberships	600.00
Gifts	199.00
Royalties, etc.	180.73
Interest	669.76
Luncheon tickets	779.00
Total	5525.49

Expenses	
Postage	1629.01
Printing	1595.34
Annual meeting	596.10
Travel	188.10
Legal fees	528.75
Luncheon	884.52
Misc.	291.08
Total	5712.90

On hand, June 30, 1982 3669.51

The report was accepted.

Beth Witherell, chairman of the nominating committee, presented the following slate of officers: president, Ann Zwinger, Colorado Springs, Col.; president-elect, Frederic Wagner, Clinton, N.Y.; vice-president, Marion Wheeler, Concord, Mass.; and secretary-treasurer, Walter Harding, Geneseo, N.Y.; all for terms of one year. For members of the executive committee: Jane Langton, Lincoln, Mass., and Edmund Schofield, Scituate, Mass., for terms of three years; and Fritz Oehlschlaeger, Blacksburg, Va., for a term of one year.

Rev. Dana McLean Greeley, chairman of the ad hoc committee on merging the Thoreau Lyceum and the Thoreau Society, gave the following report:

"A Committee of seven persons was appointed to follow through on the resolution passed a year ago by this body to consider whether close cooperation or even a possible merger could be achieved by the Thoreau Society and the Thoreau Lyceum.

"John McAleer, John Clymer, Al Bussewitz, Mary McClintock, and Malcolm Ferguson have served on that committee, plus Lucille Needham as secretary, and I as chairman. The committee has met four times and Walter Harding and Anne McGrath met with us at our second meeting. I am happy to be able to report that unanimous agreement was arrived at very soon with respect to the possibility and desirability of an ultimate merger of the two organizations. It was felt however that they should not merge at this moment, but that there should be a period of one year for further study

and experimentation, and a merger might be agreed on 12 months from now.

"It was agreed that the interests of the two organizations are the same. A merged organization should be stronger and easier to publicize than the two separate bodies. It was felt that most members would probably approve of a merger. We could discover no legal reasons why a merger is not possible. We could discover no financial reasons why it is not possible and desirable. And we could think of no program reasons to prevent a merger. Likewise, we saw no objections with relation to the two membership groups.

"We do recommend that a committee should work carefully in the next eight or ten months in several areas of concern. It should work on a constitution and bylaws, plus officers and committees; also on membership; also on programs and publications; and finally on finance. Or subcommittees might work on these various areas of interest.

"It is believed that the Thoreau Lyceum should invite officers of the Thoreau Society to meet with its board in the coming year, and that communication among the officers should be intensified.

"The membership of both groups should be kept informed of progress, and a plan should be sent in the mail prior to the next annual meeting or any special meetings, for both groups.

"A merger should represent, not a retreat, but an advance, and a more ambitious service of our common interests.

"The headquarters and mail address of the merged organization would probably be at the Thoreau Lyceum at 156 Belknap Street, Concord.

"It is presumed that the Thoreau Lyceum would be merged into the Thoreau Society, and the name of the future organization would be the Thoreau Society. Initially, a committee of the society would operate the Lyceum. Alternatives should be reviewed.

"No program would be lost or weakened. Present personnel, volunteer and salaried, would be utilized at merger. No members would be disenfranchised.

"The Thoreau Society portion of the joint committee discussed the request made by Walter Harding several times, that he be relieved of administrative responsibility for the work of the society. These persons recommend, and the entire joint committee similarly recommends, that the administrative work now being done by Walter Harding be transferred, not irretrievably, to the Lyceum, to be handled by the Lyceum in the coming twelve months, with a payment of \$2000 from the Society to the Lyceum for this service. And it is further recommended that Walter Harding be requested to continue his work as editor of the society publications and to handle the personal society correspondence. It is understood that he is quite ready to do so.

"This report is respectfully submitted to this Annual Meeting for its consideration. A similar report will be submitted to the board of the Thoreau Lyceum.

Dana McLean Greeley."

It was voted to receive and approve the above

report.

It was voted to pay the Thoreau Lyceum \$2000 to keep the membership records of the Thoreau Society and to distribute the society's bulletins for the next year.

It was voted to raise the society's annual dues to five dollars as of 1 October 1982. Until that date, dues at the old rate of three dollars a year, even for multiple years, will be accepted.

At the morning session, Michael Meyer of the University of Connecticut spoke on "North Star - Morning Star," contrasting and comparing Frederick Douglass and Thoreau, and John McAleer delivered the presidential address on "Emerson's Walden." After the luncheon, Roland Robbins conducted the usual quiz program and also gave a brief history of the Walden Pond State Reservation and reported favorably on the conditions at the pond now. He was followed by Jane Langton who presented a slide lecture, "Was the Sea Cordial? Kiss Him for Thoreau: Emily Dickinson and the Men of Concord."

In the afternoon Marion Wheeler conducted a tour of Sleepy Hollow Cemetery; Eugene and Mary Walker, a tour of the Concord Town Forest; and Marcia Moss, of the treasures of the Concord Free Public Library.

After a sherry party, autographing party, and box supper at the Thoreau Lyceum, E. Dennis Taylor spoke at the evening session and the meeting came to an end with the presentation of the society's gavel to the incoming president, Ann Zwinger, by John McAleer.

On Friday evening, the members of the society were the guests of the Thoreau Lyceum hearing Leonard Neufeldt speak on Thoreau's political economy. On Sunday morning they were the guests of the First Parish Church with a service conducted by the Rev. Elizabeth Alcaide on "Reflections on the River." And Sunday evening the Orchard House sponsored a lecture by Caroline Moseley on "Music in a 19th Century Parlor."

BY-LAWS OF THE THOREAU SOCIETY INC.

I. The name of this Society shall be the Thoreau Society Inc.

II. The purpose of this Society shall be as set forth in its Articles of Organization.

III. The officers of this Society shall consist of a president, a president-elect, a vice-president, a secretary-treasurer, all to be elected for terms of one year, and a board of directors consisting of the four officers as stated, any past president or vice-president when in attendance at a meeting of the board, and six others to be elected for rotating terms of three years, two of whom are to be elected each year. The election of these officers shall be conducted each year by a nominating committee of three members to be appointed by the president at least three months prior to the annual meeting. All members shall be invited to make nominations. A voting list of all those nomina-

ted and willing to serve shall be mailed to all the members at least one month before the date of the annual meeting. The balloting shall take place at the annual meeting, and the candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared the duly elected officers of the Society. A vacancy in any office shall be filled by the board of directors until the next regular election.

IV. The members of the Society shall consist of any persons interested in Thoreau who shall apply for membership and continue to pay their annual dues or subscribe to a life membership in the Society. Dues of the Society shall be five dollars a year; life membership, one hundred dollars.

V. A meeting of the Society shall be held each year, on or near Thoreau's birthday, at an hour and place to be designated by the president. Special meetings may be called upon the petition of twelve members and the recommendation of the board of directors. Written notice of all meetings shall be mailed to members of the Society. At all meetings of the Society, the members present shall be a quorum.

VI. The duties of the officers and directors shall be to supervise the expenditure of the current funds of the Society, the care of the repository, the issuing of bulletins, and preparation necessary for all meetings of the Society, and in general to forward the purposes of the Society.

VII. These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members voting in any election of the Society, provided that specific notice of the proposed change be sent to each member of the Society.

VIII. In the event of the dissolution of the Society, its assets shall be distributed as provided for in its Articles of Organization.

THE THOREAU SOCIETY INC.: ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION - CONSOLIDATED PURPOSE CLAUSE.

The purposes for which the corporation is formed are as follows: To honor Henry David Thoreau, to stimulate more interest in his works, to coordinate research in his life and writings, to act as a repository for Thoreauviana. To establish and maintain meeting places for the general accommodation and recreation of its members and to acquire such real or personal property as may be necessary or incidental to these purposes, to accept and receive any and all bequests and legacies made to such Society. No profit shall enure to the benefit of any member of this corporation. But these purposes shall not include the right to apply for a license to sell alcoholic beverages.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, literary, and educational purposes, as specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, and the corporation shall not carry on any activities which are not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under said Section.

No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall consist of carrying

on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except to the extent permitted under Section 501(h) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954) or participating in, or intervening in, including the publication or distribution of statements, any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

In the event of dissolution, all the remaining assets and property of the corporation remaining after the payment of its outstanding obligations and any expenses attendant to such dissolution shall be distributed to the Concord Free Public Library, Concord, Massachusetts, so long as such organization shall then qualify under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or, if such organization shall not then be in existence or shall not then qualify under said Section, to such other organization, to be used in such manner, as shall then qualify under such Section and as shall, in the judgment of the Supreme Judicial Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, best accomplish the general charitable purposes for which this corporation was formed.

All references in these Articles to Sections of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 shall include corresponding provisions of future Internal Revenue laws and applicable regulations and rulings thereunder, as any of the same may from time to time be amended.

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- thoughts and comments as he read Thoreau's manuscript journals shortly after Thoreau's death. Among some of the more interesting comments: "Perhaps his [Thoreau's] fancy for Whitman grew out of his taste for wild nature, for an otter, a woodchuck, or a loon." (p.238) Speaking of the difficulties of writing: "I remember that Henry Thoreau, with his cynic will, yet found certain trifles disturbing the delicacy of that health which composition exacted,--namely, the slightest chill, the irregularity or the drinking too much water on the preceding day." (p.417) And two very intriguing remarks because Emerson does not explain them: "H.Thoreau forgot himself once." (p. 151) And "I see the Thoreau poison working today in many valuable lives, in some for good, in some for harm." (p.487) Making this last comment even more intriguing is the fact that Emerson then makes a cross-reference to another page of his own journals and that other page is torn out. This volume, along with its companion volumes, is one that no serious student of Thoreau can do without. I trust, incidentally, that when the final volume in the series is issued, there will be a general comprehensive index that will save searching through the individual indexes of the separate volumes.
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is a quiet, peaceful, beautifully written book that will charm the reader. Thoreau, of course, comes frequently into the text, and the book adds much to our understanding of his background. Particularly poignant is her beautiful prefatory essay on Teale as a writer and as a man. The book is illustrated with photographs by him and drawings by her. A book you'll want to turn to again and again.

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NOTES AND QUERIES . . .

Eleanor Diedrick of Illinois, Fred L. Ogmundson of New Hampshire, and Keith Radatz of California have all recently become life members of the Thoreau Society. Life membership is one hundred dollars.

The winter meeting of the Thoreau Society held in conjunction with the Modern Language Association convention will this year be held at the Huntington Library at San Marino, Calif. on Dec. 30, 1982 from 10:15 to 11:30 a.m., with James Thorpe, director of the library, speaking on "Research Material for the Study of Thoreau at the Huntington Library."

A conference on "Thoreau Interalia," Thoreau's relationships with his contemporaries, will be held at the State University of New York at Geneseo on Saturday October 16, 1982 in honor of Walter Harding's impending retirement as Distinguished Professor. Thomas Blanding will speak on Thoreau's relationships with his disciples; Walter Harding, with children; J. Parker Huber, with naturalists; Anne McGrath, with his fellow townsmen; Michael Meyer, with reformers and abolitionists; Joel Myerson, with the lesser Transcendentalists; and Beth Witherell, with women. The public is invited. For details, write James Scholes, chairman, English Dept., State University College, Geneseo, N.Y. 14454.

Andrew Christenson of the Museum of Cultural History in Los Angeles asks if anyone can help him with details of Thoreau's interest in collecting Indian artifacts, particularly his diggings at "Clamshell" on the Sudbury River; whether Thoreau personally knew Jeffries Wyman; and where Thoreau became acquainted with the word "modding" or "midden."

Can anyone tell us where Henry Wadsworth Longfellow praised Thoreau for going to jail for civil disobedience?